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SUBJECT: COFFEE: COLOMBIAN PROPOSAL FOR STUDY

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1. SUMMARY - ICO SECRETARIAT CONSULTING MEMBERS TO SEE WHETHER IT POSSIBLE CHANGE STUDY'S "TERMS OF REFERENCE" ALONG LINES DESIRED BY COLOMBIANS. REPORTEDLY BRAZIL AND IVORY COAST NOW PREPARED RELUCTANTLY GO ALONG WITH COLOMBIAN PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY

2. DEBATE IN STATISTICS WORKING GROUP (REFTEL) HAD CENTERED AROUND COLOMBIAN OBJECTION TO PHRASOLOGY EMPLOYED (EB1226/73) IN DESCRIBING ITS PROPOSAL FOR BROOKINGS INSTITUTE STUDY. COLOMBIAN PROPOSAL ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STUDY, AS DESCRIBED THIS DOCUMENT CALLED FOR BROOKINGS TO MAKE, INTER ALIA, "CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR OVERCOMING THE DIFFICULTIES OF A POLITICAL NATURE WHICH HAD BEEN CONFRONTING THE ORGANIZATION." COLOMBIANS WISHED DROP THIS LANGUAGE ENTIRELY AND  
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SUBSTITUTE: "CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR FACILITATING THE

NEGOTIATION OF A 3RD ICA." COLOMBIANS  
ALSO WISHED SPECIFY IN TERMS OF REFERENCE THAT  
THEY HAD PROPOSED THAT BROOKINGS COORDINATE STUDIES  
WITH OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN PRODUCING AND  
CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND THAT STUDY SHOULD BE COM-  
PLETED BY END OF MARCH, 1974.

3. DEBATE THAT FOLLOWED WAS FOUR CORNERED ONE BE-  
TWEEN COLOMBIA, BRAZIL, OAMCAF AND THE EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR. BRAZIL SAID THAT THEY HAD DIFFICULTY IN SUP-  
PORTING SUGGESTION ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS. BOARD HAD  
DRAWN UP AND APPROVED DECISIONS. SUBORDINATE GROUP  
COULD NOT GET ITSELF INTO POSITION OF ALTERING BOARD'S  
DECISION. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TACITLY SUPPORTED THIS  
VIEW. OAMCAF SPOKE TO SUBSTANCE OF COLOMBIAN PROPOSAL,  
SAYING THAT DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED FIRM INSTRUCTIONS  
TO OPPOSE ANY STUDY THAT WOULD IMPLY DELAY IN NEGOTIA-  
TING SCHEDULE. THEY THEREFORE OPPOSED STUDY WHICH WOULD  
NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE END OF MARCH. US DID NOT IN-  
TERVENE IN DEBATE, NOR DID ANY OTHER CONSUMER COUNTRY.  
WE COULD SEE NO REASON INVOLVE OURSELVES IN THIS PAR-  
TICULAR ARGUMENT.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY ICO SECRETARIAT, AFTER FURTHER COLOM-  
BIAN PRODDING, HAS HAD CHANGE OF HEART. THEY TELEPHONED  
US TO ASK IF WE HAD ANY OBJECTION TO ISSUANCE OF A  
CORRECTION TO BOARD DECISIONS ALONG LINES DESIRED BY  
COLOMBIANS. WE POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD NOT BEEN  
PROTAGONISTS IN DEBATE, BUT SAID THAT IF THIS  
ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WE WOULD NOT RPT  
NOT OBJECT. SUBSEQUENTLY WE WERE TOLD THAT BRAZIL  
AND IVORY COAST HAD WITHDRAWN OBJECTIONS AND CORRECTION  
WILL BE ISSUED.

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